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SUBJECT: GSP IMPLEMENTATION: "SUBSTANTIALLY TRANSFORMED"

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1094

1. CUSTOMS HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
REFTEL.
2. WHEN GOLD AND COPPER ARE ALLOYED IN TRINIDAD, NEW
MATERIALS ARE FORMED. THE RESULTING ALLOYS THAT ARE USED
TO PRODUCE THE FINISHED METAL JEWELRY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY
TRANSFORMED CONSTITUENT MATERIALS. HOWEVER, IF THE GOLD
AND COPPER HAD BEEN IMPORTED TO TRINIDAD AND PROCESSED
DIRECTLY INTO JEWELRY, THE GOLD AND COPPER WOULD NOT
QUALIFY AS SUBSTANTIALLY TRANSFORMED CONSTITUENT MATERIALS.
3. THE RAW MATERIALS RECOVERED FROM SCRAP ARE NOT
THEMSELVES WHOLLY THE GROWTH, PRODUCT, OR MANUFACTURE OF
THE BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY.
4. APPRAISED VALUE IS THE VALUE THAT THE DUTY IS ASSESSED
UPON. THERE ARE TWO VALUE LAWS, EACH WITH SEVERAL BASES
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(DEFINITIONS) OF VALUE. EACH LAW IS USED IN THE FOLLOWING

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

SECTION 402, TARIFF ACT OF 1930

A. THE EXPORT VALUE OR

B. IF EXPORT VALUE CANNOT BE DETERMINED SATISFACTORILY,
THEN THE UNITED STATES VALUE, OR

C. IF NEITHER OF THE FOREGOING CAN BE DETERMINED
SATISFACTORILY, THE CONSTRUCTED VALUE.

THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL BASIS OF VALUE, AMERICAN SELLING
PRICE. THIS BASIS APPLIES WHEN SPECIFIED IN THE HEAD-
NOTES OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES
ANNOTATED. IT IS USED AS THE INITIAL BASIS IN SUCH
INSTANCES AND APPLIES ONLY TO MERCHANDISE SPECIFICALLY
NAMED IN THE HEADNOTES.

SECTION 402A, TARIFF ACT OF 1930

A. THE FOREIGN OR EXPORT VALUE, WHICHEVER IS THE
HIGHER; OR

B. IF NEITHER CAN BE SATISFACTORILY ASCERTAINED, THEN
THE UNITED STATES VALUE; OR

C. IF NONE OF THE FOREGOING CAN BE SATISFACTORILY
ASCERTAINED, THEN THE COST OF PRODUCTION;

LIKewise, UNDER THIS LAW, THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL BASIS,
AMERICAN SELLING PRICE. IT APPLIES ONLY WHEN SPECIFIED
IN THE HEADNOTES OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED
STATES ANNOTATED AND IS THE INITIAL BASIS FOR THE
MERCHANDISE CONCERNED.

ALL ARTICLES LISTED IN T;D. 54521, THE FINAL LIST, ARE
APPRAISED AT THE VALUE BASES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 402A.
THOSE NOT LISTED ARE APPRAISED IN THE ORDER
SET FORTH IN SECTION 402.
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5. DEPT FORWARDING EMBASSY PORTION OF CUSTOMS PUBLICA-
TION EXPANDING ON DEFINITION OF APPRAISED VALUE; AS WELL
AS COPY OF FINAL LIST TD 54521. HABIB

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